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RAJYA SABHA

**Schemes and projects for employment of rural youth**

4364. **SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:** Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the various schemes and projects initiated by Government to ensure employment for rural youth and professionals of Andhra Pradesh during the last five years; and

(b) The number of people benefited by these schemes upto now?

**THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU):** (a) and (b) The Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), Training of Rural Youth for Self-Employment (TRYSEM), Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA), Supply of Improved Tool Kits to Rural Artisans (SITRA), were the self employment Programmes for the rural poor which could also benefit rural youth and professionals, if they belonged to Below Poverty Line (BPL) families. From April 1999 a new self employment Programme namely the Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) was started by restructuring the earlier schemes. The Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) is a holistic Programme covering all aspects of self employment such as organization of the poor into Self Help groups, Training, Credit, Technology, Infrastructure and Marketing. The rural youth and professionals who are from the BPL families can also be covered under this scheme. No scheme has been initiated by the Ministry of Rural Development specifically to ensure employment for rural youth and professionals either in Andhra Pradesh or in any other State of this country.

**Scarcity of drinking water in Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh**

4365. **SHRI RAJU PARMAR:**

**SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:**

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news-item titled "Lack of Water Policy Haunts Gujarat"